

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO EUGENE R.
MCGRATH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eugene R. McGrath, a distinguished member of the business community.

Mr. Speaker, Eugene R. McGrath is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Consolidated Edison, Inc., the holding company; and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of its largest subsidiary, Con Edison of New York, the regulated utility. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Mr. McGrath joined Con Edison of New York as an engineer following college graduation in 1963. He eventually held key executive positions in the utility's major operating and customer service areas and managed fossil-fired and nuclear generating plants. He was elected Vice President in 1978, Executive Vice President in 1982, and President and Chief Operating Officer in 1989. He became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in September 1990.

Mr. McGrath serves on the board of directors of many organizations that advance economic development, human services, culture and education. He is chairman of the Union Square Partnership; director of AEGIS Insurance Services, Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, Barnard College, the Business Council of New York State, the Fresh Air Fund, the Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research, Inc., Manhattan College, the Partnership for New York City, Schering-Plough Corporation, and the Wildlife Conservation Society. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Economic Club of New York, the Development Advisory Council for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

Within the energy industry, Mr. McGrath is a director of the Edison Electric Institute and a member of the Energy committee of the New York Building Congress.

A native New Yorker, Mr. McGrath earned a mechanical engineering degree from Manhattan College in 1963, a Masters in Business Administration from Iowa College in 1980 and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1989.

Consolidated Edison, Inc., one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$10 billion in annual revenues and \$24 billion in assets, provides a wide range of energy-related products and services to its customers. Its subsidiaries include Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., Con Edison Solutions, Con Edison Energy, Con Edison Development, and Con Edison Communications.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments and selfless service of Eugene R. McGrath, as he is more than worthy of our recognition today.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL-
MAN DAVE DAVIA

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the service of out-going Westminster City Councilman Dave Davia.

Although Dave has been on the Council only since 2004, his involvement in the Westminster community began long before then. He has served on the Westminster Human Services Board since December 2002 and became the chair in 2004. Dave also takes part in the Westminster Rotary, Adams County Inter-faith Hospitality Network, Adams County District 50 Community Education Foundation, and the CedarBridge Homeowners Association.

Currently, Dave is employed as a business systems consultant at Wells Fargo. In addition to this he has also served on the Wells Fargo Education Committee and the Wells Fargo Bank Cup Committee.

As a Westminster City Councilman, Dave's focus has been on diversifying the city's tax base, redeveloping blighted areas, monitoring water supply and responding to growth through participation in transportation projects for the city. He has been vigilant in his quest for these projects and has gained a well-deserved reputation for expertise and thoughtfulness.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to recognizing the ethic of public service among other Westminster City Council members, I ask my colleagues to join with me in acknowledging Mr. Dave Davia.

We often debate and pass legislation at the Federal level that has far-reaching, significant, and sometimes unintended consequences, for local governments. That is one reason I believe it is so important to recognize and honor the men and women who work hard by holding office at the county and municipal level. Many of these individuals are among the best and brightest public policy advocates in our country, but they are not always recognized for the long hours, minimal pay, and difficult work they undertake.

Dave Davia is one of these people. He has worked hard on behalf of the people in his community and I wish him every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON K. SNEED

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Sergeant First Class Brandon K. Sneed, 33, originally of Norman, Oklahoma, died on October 10, 2005, in Iraq. Sergeant First Class Sneed was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Benning, Georgia. According to initial reports, Sergeant First Class Sneed died when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. His survivors include his wife, children, and parents.

Brandon Sneed was a devoted husband and father and was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker. Like every other soldier, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sergeant First Class Sneed died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule. He was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN
TUCKER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of John Tucker, a constituent and citizen of Baytown, Texas, who passed away September 25, 2005, at the age of 83.

Born in Victoria County, Mr. Tucker served in the Army Air Corps as a gunnery instructor during World War II. He also served in Japan during the Korean War. After the war, he went to work for ExxonMobil, where he stayed for 33 years, retiring in 1980.

But it is not only his distinguished careers in the Armed Forces and at ExxonMobil that I wish to honor today. John Tucker's service to the community of Baytown as one of its greatest philanthropists is also worthy of our recognition. Mr. Tucker established and chaired the "Friends of Lee College" organization with 14 of his friends in 1986. In 2000, he raised over a million dollars for the college for an admirable purpose: to establish a childcare center at the college so that single mothers could

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